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SUBJECT: HESS' 75TH BIRTHDAY

1. PRESS AND RADIO IN BERLIN TOOK NOTE OF THE FACT THAT RUDOLPH HESS, LONELY INMATE OF SPANDAU PRISON, HAD HIS 75TH BIRTHDAY ON APRIL 26.

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2. ABOUT TWENTY DEMONSTRATORS CARRYING FLOWERS AND PLACARDS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE APPEARED IN FRONT OF SPANDAU PRISON IN THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 26. ONE OF THE DEMONSTRATORS REPORTEDLY WORE A PARATROOPER'S UNIFORM. GERMAN POLICE WHO WERE OUT IN STRENGTH TO PREVENT POSSIBLE DISCURBANCES LET THE DEMONSTRATORS PLACE THEIR FLOWERS ON THE SIDEWALK OF THE STREET PASSING BY THE MAIN GATE OF THE PRISON. ACCORDING TO EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS, THE DEMONSTRATION WAS ORDERLY AND BRIEF AND THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS.

3. FURTHER DETAILS FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM.

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